

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 5-7 remain in the application and have been amended hereby. Claims 3, 4, and 8-37 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

The specification has been amended hereby to change "Fig. 1" in page 16, line 15 to -- Fig. 3 --, as requested in the Office Action at paragraph 2.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-37 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The pending claims have been amended delete the recitation "the unit of data."

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention and meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Claims 3, 4, and 8-37 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection thereof moot.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-4 and 15-18 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Linnartz.

Features of the recording method and apparatus using a recording medium are the adding of copyright management information to selected ones of a plurality of pieces of input data, performing a signal process (e.g. an encrypting process) on the plurality of pieces of input data including the selected

ones of the plurality of pieces of input data to which the right information has been added, and recording the processed data on the recording medium. See Figs. 1 and 6 of the present application, for example.

Looking at Linnartz we see that there is no adding of copyright management information to selected ones of a plurality of pieces of input data. Linnartz is merely adding a watermark to the whole album recorded on a CD to control the number of times the CD can be copied. No selection of pieces of input data to add copyright protection is possible in Linnartz.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentably distinct over Linnartz.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 5-7 and 12-14 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Linnartz in view of Ryan.

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application, for example.

Looking at Linnartz we see that there is no adding of copyright management information to selected ones of a plurality of pieces of input data. Linnartz is merely adding a watermark to the whole album recorded on a CD to control the number of times the CD can be copied. No selection of pieces of input data to add copyright protection is possible in Linnartz.


Ryan is cited as disclosing a selection circuit and it is respectfully submitted that in Ryan's system it is only possible to select between a copy-protected CD and a non-copy protected CD. No selection of pieces of input data to add copyright protection is possible in Ryan.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended claims 5-7 are patentably distinct over Linnartz in view of Ryan.

The prior art made of record has been reviewed and is not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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